

Application Number 10/565,482
Amendment dated December 17, 2010
Reply to Office Action of September 24, 2010

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application is hereby requested in view of the above amendments and remarks which follow. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration of the application.

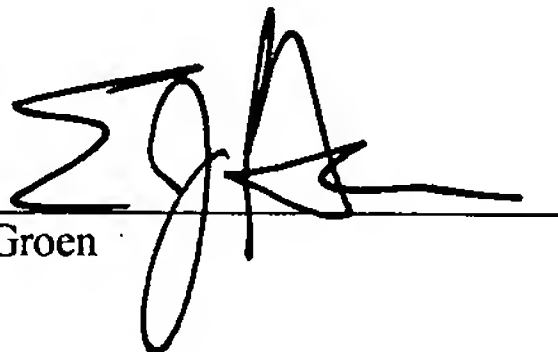
Claims 4, 7-11 and 18-27 pend in this application. Claims 4, 7 and 1-22 are allowed; claims 8, 9, 11 and 28 are rejected; and claims 10 and 23-27 are objected to but indicated as allowable. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to include the limitation of claim 10 and claim 10 has been cancelled. Applicant has cancelled claims 11-17. Applicant has amended claim 23 into independent format. Thus all pending claims are allowed or are indicated as allowable.

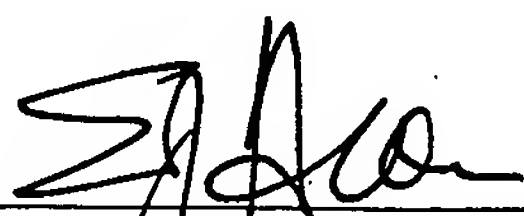
For all of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims 4, 7-9, and 18-28 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request early passage thereof.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the account of Baker & Daniels, Deposit Account No. 02-0390 (979078.2).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 17, 2010.


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